

COUNTRY DATA: ROMANIA: Information from the CIA World Factbook

INTRODUCTION


The principalities of Wallachia and Moldavia - for centuries under the suzerainty of the Turkish Ottoman Empire - secured their autonomy in 1856; they united in 1859 and a few years later adopted the new name of Romania. The country gained recognition of its independence in 1878. It joined the Allied Powers in World War I and acquired new territories - most notably Transylvania - following the conflict. In 1940, Romania allied with the Axis powers and participated in the 1941 German invasion of the USSR. Three years later, overrun by the Soviets, Romania signed an armistice. The post-war Soviet occupation led to the formation of a Communist "people's republic" in 1947 and the abdication of the king. The decades-long rule of dictator Nicolae CEAUSESCU, who took power in 1965, and his Securitate police state became increasingly oppressive and draconian through the 1980s. CEAUSESCU was overthrown and executed in late 1989. Former Communists dominated the government until 1996 when they were swept from power. Romania joined NATO in 2004 and the EU in 2007.

GEOGRAPHY

Location	Southeastern Europe, bordering the Black Sea, between Bulgaria and Ukraine
Area	238,391 sq km
Climate	Temperate; cold, cloudy winters with frequent snow and fog; sunny summers with frequent showers and thunderstorms.
Natural Resources	Petroleum (reserves declining), timber, natural gas, coal, iron ore, salt, arable land, hydropower.
Total Renewable Water Resources	42.3 cu km (2003)
Freshwater Withdrawal	6.5 cu km/yr (9%/34%/57%)
Natural Hazards	Earthquakes, most severe in south and southwest; geologic structure and climate promote landslides.
Environmental Issues	Soil erosion and degradation; water pollution; air pollution in south from industrial effluents; contamination of Danube delta wetlands.

PEOPLE

Population	21,959,278 (July 2010 est.)
Ethnic Groups	Romanian 89.5%, Hungarian 6.6%, Roma 2.5%, Ukrainian 0.3%, German 0.3%, Russian 0.2%, Turkish 0.2%, other 0.4% (2002 census).
Religions	Eastern Orthodox (including all sub-denominations) 86.8%, Protestant (various denominations including Reformat and Pentecostal) 7.5%, Roman Catholic 4.7%, other (mostly Muslim) and

	unspecified 0.9%, none 0.1% (2002 census).
Languages	Romanian 91% (official), Hungarian 6.7%, Romany (Gypsy) 1.1%, other 1.2%.
Literacy Rate	97.3%
Major Infectious Diseases	HIV/AIDS - adult prevalence rate: less than 0.1% (2007 est.) 
GOVERNMENT	
Type	Republic
Independence	9 May 1877 (independence proclaimed from the Ottoman Empire; independence recognized 13 July 1878 by the Treaty of Berlin); 26 March 1881 (kingdom proclaimed); 30 December 1947 (republic proclaimed).
Constitution	8 December 1991; revised 29 October 2003.
Legal System	Based on civil law system; has not accepted compulsory International Court of Justice jurisdiction.
ECONOMY	
Agricultural Products	Wheat, corn, barley, sugar beets, sunflower seed, potatoes, grapes; eggs, sheep.
Industries	Electric machinery and equipment, textiles and footwear, light machinery and auto assembly, mining, timber, construction materials, metallurgy, chemicals, food processing, petroleum refining.
Import commodities	Machinery and equipment, fuels and minerals, chemicals, textile and products, metals, agricultural products.
Import Partners	Germany 17.3%, Italy 11.78%, Hungary 8.36%, France 6.14%, China 4.91%, Austria 4.75% (2009).
Export Commodities	Machinery and equipment, textiles and footwear, metals and metal products, machinery and equipment, minerals and fuels, chemicals, agricultural products.
Export Partners	Germany 18.76%, Italy 15.42%, France 8.2%, Turkey 4.99%, Hungary 4.33% (2009).
Per Capita GDP	\$11,600 (2009 est.)
Population below poverty line	25% (2005 est.)

*CITATIONS: All information included above is extracted from the CIA World Factbook except where noted.

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General	
Life Expectancy at Birth (in years)	73.2 years
Average number of years in School (in years)	10.6 years
Gross National Income Per Capita (In US Dollars)	\$12,884
Gender Inequality	
Female Seats in Parliament (%)	9.8%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Female (% Of 25 and older)	83.8%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Male (% Of 25 and older)	90.5%
Labor Force Participation Female (%)	55.3%
Labor Force Participation Male (%)	70.7%
Births Attended by Skilled Health Professionals (%)	99%
Poverty	
Population surviving on \$1.25 per day (%)	<2%
Empowerment	
Number of Journalists Imprisoned	0
Corruption Victims (% of people who face a bribe situation in the last year)	36%
Political Engagement (% percent of people who voiced opinion to public officials)	9%

Sustainability	
Fossil Fuels as Primary Energy Source (%)	83%
Renewable Resources as Primary Energy Source (%)	13%
Population without Access to Water (%)	NA
Population Without Access to Sanitation Services (%)	28%
Population affected by natural disasters (% between 2000-2009)	.12%
Human Security	
Number of Refugees leaving this country	4,800
Number of Internally Displaced People in This Country	NA
Prevalence of Undernourishment (%)	<5%
Demographics	
Urban Residents (% of total Population)	57.5%
Health	
HIV Prevalence in Female Youth (% ages 15-24)	.2%
HIV Prevalence in Male Youth (% ages 15-24)	.2%
HIV Prevalence in Adults (% ages 15-49)	.1%
Other	
Official Development Assistance Per Capita (in US dollars)	NA
Population without Electricity (%)	NA

Romania's Public Expenditure

